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San Diego Superior Court Expands Imaging Project to North County Division

Starting Wednesday, August 1, 2012, all new civil cases, except small claims cases, filed in the North County Division of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, will be scanned and stored electronically. The scanned/imaged documents will be available via computer for viewing by judges, court staff, and parties involved.

The North County Division joins the Court's other Civil Divisions (Central, East and South), which are now utilizing imaged documents and making them readily available to the public.

Public documents related to the cases will also be available on-line to any interested party. Those documents can be viewed free of charge on courthouse kiosks or, for a fee, can be viewed and printed off-site. The following North County courtrooms will begin imaging on August 1st:

- Department 3 Judge Sim von Kalinowski
- Department 7 As assigned
- Department 8 As assigned
- Department 27 Judge Jacqueline M. Stern
- Department 28 Judge Earl H. Maas, III
- Department 29 Judge Robert P. Dahlquist

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- Department 30 Judge Thomas P. Nugent
- Department 31 Judge Timothy M. Casserly

Judge Aaron H. Katz, Supervising Judge of the North County Division, said, “The legal community in North County should find that access to civil court files via the internet will provide a significant time savings. This is especially true for the busy solo practitioner who can’t afford to wait in lines at the courthouse to retrieve important information from a court file.”

Judge K. Michael Kirkman, Assistant Supervising Judge of the North County Division, adds, “Given the extensive budgetary shortfalls presently being experienced by our court, which we anticipate will continue into the foreseeable future, implementation of this project will allow this court to utilize technology in an effort to be more efficient to better serve our community.”

Documents from the imaged cases will be retained in paper form for 90 days. All existing cases filed prior to the imaging start date will be maintained in hard copy.

The imaging project began in the Court’s downtown courthouse (Central Division) in August of 2011.

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